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H.B. No. 1558

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to awarding attorney's fees to an insured who prevails in
3 an action against an insurer for uninsured or underinsured motorist
4 coverage.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 1952, Insurance Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 1952.111 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1952.111. ATTORNEY'S FEES. An insured may recover
9 reasonable attorney's fees in an action against an insurer in
10 relation to the coverage provided under this subchapter, including
11 an action to enforce that coverage, if the insured is the prevailing
12 party.

13 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to an action for an
14 insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or
15 after January 1, 2014. An action for a policy delivered, issued for
16 delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2014, is governed by the law
17 as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and
18 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.